(*a*) the number and name of motor service existing in the Changanachery-Mundakayam line :

(*b*) how long since the service was opened ;

(*c*) whether other persons have applied for permission to conduct service in that line :

(*d*) whether permission has been accorded ; and

(*e*) if the answer to part (*d*) be in the negative, the reason for it ?

MR. R. PITCHU AIYANGAR : (*a*) The name of the motor service is not known. The G. permits for 3 buses forming the service stand in the name of Mr. P. K. Mohideen, Changanachery.

(*b*) Nine years approximately.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) & (*e*) These do not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

Agricultural loan to the holders of the Pachima Devaswom lands.

247 * **MR. P. J. SEBASTIAN** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the holders of the Pachima Devaswom lands have applied for agricultural loans in the Changanachery Taluk Office ;

(*b*) if so, how many ;

(*c*) whether any of such applications has been granted ; and

(*d*) if not granted, the reasons for the same ?

MR. K. GEORGE : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) One.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The applicant had only *Kuthagapattom* rights over the properties proposed to be improved.

Manufacture of salt in the State.

248 * **MR. K. T. THOMAS** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether the salt manufactured in the State is sufficient for local need ;

(*b*) whether it is a fact that local salt is inferior in quality to Bombay salt ;

(*c*) if so, whether and what steps have been taken to improve the quality of the local salt;

(*d*) whether the two varieties have been subjected to chemical analysis ;

(*e*) if so, the result of such analysis ; and

(*f*) whether there is not scope for increasing the production of salt in the State ?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN (*Excise Commissioner*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Bombay salt contains a slightly higher percentage of sodium chloride than the salt manufactured in some of the local factories.

(*c*) The licensees concerned and the factory officers have been instructed to take the necessary steps to improve the quality of salt.

(*d*) Yes.

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(*e*)

	Bombay salt.	*Local salt.*
Insoluable ...	2·08	0·67
Moisture ...	3·64	6·37
Calcium sulphate ...	1·61	0·84
Magnesium sulphate ...	0·75	1·13
Magnesium Chloride ...	1·93	3·93
Sodium Chloride ...	89·99	87·06

(*f*) Yes.

MR. K. T. THOMAS: May I know whether any steps are being taken for increasing the production of salt?

MR. C. O. MADHAVAN: Travancore is now producing more salt than what the state requires for its consumption.

Sub-Registrar's Office at Paravoor.

249. ❋MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Quilon* cum *Kottarakara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have not constructed a building in Paravoor to house the Sub-Registrar's office;

(*b*) whether the present Sub-Registrar's Office is housed in a rented building;

(*c*) if the answer to part (*b*) is in the affirmative, the reason therefor; and

(*d*) whether the Government propose to shift the office to their own building?

MR. K. MADHAVA KURUP: (*a*) No.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) The Sub-Registry office, Chathanur (not Paravoor) is located at Nedungolam being the centre of the several pakuthies which comprise that office. If the office is to be located at Paravoor, it will cause very great inconvenience to the inhabitants of the other pakuthies. There is no Government building available at Nedungolam to hold the office.

(*d*) This question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*a*).

Debt Conciliation Boards.

250. ❋MR. S. NARAYANA PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the reason why a Debt Conciliation Board has not been established at Quilon; and

(*b*) whether they propose to appoint one for Quilon?

RAO BAHADUR RAJYASEVANIRATA DR. N. KUNJAN PILLAI:

(*a*) and (*b*) A Debt conciliation Board has been established at Quilon with effect from 13-12-1112.

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